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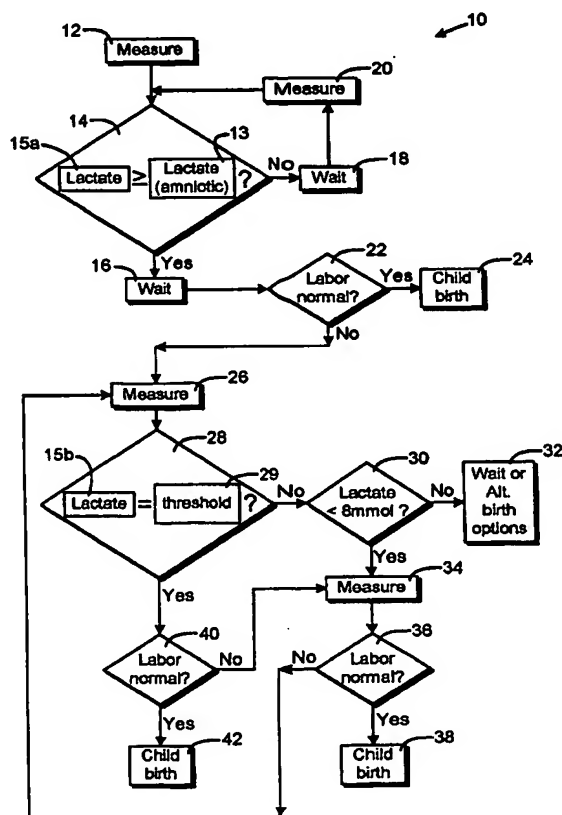
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR MONITORING A CHILDBIRTH PROCESS



(57) Abstract: The method is for monitoring a childbirth process of a pregnant woman. In a measuring step (12), a lactate concentration (15a) of vaginal fluids is measured. In a comparison step (14), it is determined if the measured lactate concentration is greater than a predetermined lactate concentration (13) that indicates that amniotic fluid has passed from an amnion of the pregnant woman. In a measuring step (26), the lactate concentration (15b) is measured. In a comparison step (28), it is determined if the measured lactate concentration (15b) is greater than a lactate threshold interval (29). When the lactate concentration (15b) is less than the lactate threshold interval (29) the pregnant woman is stimulated in a stimulating step (34) to give birth.

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